

## Arms-Pact Concession Disclosed

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 — The Soviet Union has agreed to allow seismic listening posts on its territory to aid in verification of a projected treaty banning all nuclear testing, Carter Administration officials said today.

The officials made the disclosure after George M. Seignious 2d, the Administration's nominee to be the new director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that Moscow recently made a "considerable concession" in negotiations with the United States and Britain aimed at halting all weapons testing by the three nuclear powers.

According to the officials, Moscow recently agreed to an American proposal that would require each side to allow 10 electronic listening posts to be placed on its own soil by the other, to monitor the proposed three-year halt on nuclear tests now under negotiation in Geneva.

Mr. Seignious, in a confirmation hearing by the committee, also strongly en-

dorsed a new treaty to limit strategic arms. He asserted that failure by the Senate to approve the accord would pose the gravest threat to American security since World War II.

### 'Terrible Oversimplification'

Mr. Seignious brushed aside criticism that his military background had made him unsuited to head the arms-control agency, saying that it was "a terrible oversimplification to argue that because you believe in a strong defense, you can't be for arms control." This argument was well received by most members of the committee, and several said today that they expected Mr. Seignious to be confirmed by the Senate.

Arms-control officials said Soviet acceptance of the proposal for seismic listening posts removed a major obstacle to a comprehensive test-ban accord. At the same time, they said the negotiators in Geneva still disagreed on the type of equipment that would be installed in the 10 stations and who would man them.